



EUCHARIST INTENTIONS

Among the intentions for those who gather for the Eucharist this week will be

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2010

No Masses - Holiday

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2010

9:15AM ANTHONY TIBERIO – Carl & Ann Tiberio

ASH WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2010

With distribution of ashes at all Liturgies

9:15AM JOHN VOSEFSKI – Don & Julie Ross

7:00PM JENNIE SPERANZA – Mary Mortillaro

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2010

7:00AM JOHN, POPPY & KELLY BONCZYK – Carol

9:15AM FOR THE INTENTION OF FAYE LA BARR – Jenna Ferranti

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2010

9:15AM ANGELA PALMIERI – Patty & Joe Janiak

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2010

5:00PM RICHARD, MARILYN & DAVID DI MARIA – Richard DiMaria

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2010

7:30AM JOEL GATES – St. Rita Parish Staff

9:00AM AL SULLIVAN – Lisa Hendershot

10:30AM RAY ZIMMER – The Hickey Family

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**This week the Tabernacle Light will burn
In loving memory of Elmer Maurer**

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OPERATION RICE BOWL



Lent begins this week with Ash Wednesday. As part of our faith community's Lenten observance, we will again participate in Catholic Relief Services' Lenten program,

Operation Rice Bowl. Since 1975, Operation Rice Bowl has inspired Catholics in the United States to **pray, fast, learn and give** as we increase our understanding of our global community. Please be sure to use the Rice Bowl folder found in this bulletin. We encourage you to participate in Operation Rice Bowl at home with your family and loved ones.

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The Parish Offices will be closed on Monday, February 15th for the Presidents Day Holiday.

From the Desk of Rose Leisenring . . .

Lent is a time when we think about changes in our spirit. Joyce Rupp shares this reflection about changes we may encounter during this Lenten time of prayer and fasting.

“Zacchaeus was trying to see who Jesus was, but on account of the crowd he could not, because he was short in stature. So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree to see him...When Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, “Zacchaeus, hurry and come down; for I must stay at your house today.” So he hurried down and was happy to welcome him. ---Luke 19:3-6

Jesus, this Lent I am yearning to wear a Zacchaeus heart, I am wanting to hear you call my name just as you did his. I am anxious to know that you are inviting yourself to my home.

I am humbled, amazed, excited, and astounded, just as he was. But, that is where the desire to wear a Zacchaeus heart stops, because I know what happens when you visit someone's house.

Conversations occur. Choices are presented. Changes happen. That's because you look for more than dust when you come to visit and you talk about things more vital than the weather.

You move into the heart's dimension. You gaze deeply. You don't just dwell. You interact. You activate. You dwell so lovingly that the truth cannot be resisted.

This Lent help me to welcome you and yearn for your love. Grant me a Zacchaeus heart that turns around and sees the truth. I need the gaze of your love to remind me of my truest self. I, too, need the strong call to make amends and start anew. Hurry, Jesus, come and stay at my house today.

May you have a prayerful Lenten journey.

Rose

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MILITARY PHOTO PRAYER BOARD

There is a photo board of military members of St. Rita Parish located in the greeting area.

PLEASE feel free to bring a photo of your loved one serving. We offer this board to ALL active duty and reservists; soldiers here as well soldiers serving overseas. It is important to know at this time we ask all of you to please remember all military members and their families in your prayers. If you have any questions please call Chrisann Collins 671-1410. Please keep in your prayers: **John J. Collins, Jr., Nicholas Greco, Roger Herbert, Gretchen Specht-Herbert, Scott Hollander, Ryan Kohlmeier, Brandon Loveless, Jacob Perryman, Jonathan Specht, Eric Smith, Sasha Waver, and James Zaiger.**

PLANS FOR THE WEEK FEBRUARY 14, 2010

SUNDAY 2/14

8:30-11:00am Breakfast Club – Gym

TUESDAY 2/16

1:00pm Recovery – Rm 3
7:00-8:30pm Liturgy Committee – Parish Office

WEDNESDAY 2/17

7:00pm Choir Rehearsal – Rm 3
8:30-10:30pm Men's Basketball – Gym

FRIDAY 2/19

5:00-7:00pm FISH FRY – Gym

We welcome the newest member of our parish family who was baptized this weekend:



Mason Paul Prinzi

BIBLE READINGS:

- 14 Sun **6th Sunday in Ordinary Time** Jer 17:5-8 Ps 1:1-4,6 1 Cor 15:12,16-20 Lk 6:17,20-26
- 15 Mon Jas 1:1-11 Ps 119:67-68, 71-72,75-76 Mk 8:11-13
- 16 Tue Jas 1:12-18 Ps 94:12-15,18-19 Mk 8:14-21
- 17 Wed **Ash Wednesday** JI 2:12-18 Ps 51:3-6,12-14,17 2 Cor 5:20-6:2 Mt 6:1-6,16-18
- 18 Thu Dt 30:15-20 Ps 1:1-4,6 Lk 9:22-25
- 19 Fri Is 58:1-9a Ps 51:3-6,18-19 Mt 9:14-15
- 20 Sat Is 58:9b-14 Ps 86:1-6 Lk 5:27-32
- 21 Sun **1st Sunday of Lent** Dt 26:4-10 Ps 91:1-2,10-15 Rom 10:8-13 Lk 4:1-13

**ALTAR SERVERS SCHEDULED
Next Weekend ~ FEBRUARY 20 & 21**

Saturday, 5:00pm:

Marisa Vargas, Mary Martellotta, Kayla Gateson

Sunday, 7:30am:

Josh Kwiatkowski and Olivia Zucaro

Sunday, 9:00am:

Zach Barbeau, Krista Barbeau, Gabrielle Mara

Sunday, 10:30am:

Juliana Baratta and Isabelle Clemens

BREAKFAST CLUB NEWS!



Join us in the parish center for a delicious breakfast on Sunday mornings! We offer a "Special" and a full traditional breakfast

menu as well!

Next Week's Special: German Potato Pancakes made with all fresh ingredients, served with bacon or sausage, homemade apple sauce and sour cream, plus a bottomless cup of coffee for a donation of \$4.25.

SACRISTAN:

Week of February 14 Dan & Miriam Kennelly

LINENS:

Week of February 21 Maureen Morehouse

"FASTING"

When we hear "fast" we often think about fasting from food, but in today's fast paced world should we fast from anything else?

Sign up to follow the Diocese of Rochester Twitter for forty ideas for fasting today . . . or go online to www.rochesterspiritualive.org for "Lenten Fasts".

**PARISH SUPPORT
For Last Weekend February 6 & 7**

Last Week	Weekly Goal For Feb. 2010	Variance
\$17,828	\$14,800	+ \$3,028
Year to Date	Year to Date Goal	Variance
\$482,911	\$487,900	- \$4,989

(Our fiscal year is 7/1/09 – 6/30/10)

Monthly Parish Center Mortgage Payment \$2,725
Mortgage Balance as of February, 2010 \$164,227

Catholic Ministries Appeal Goal \$112,502
Pledges Received to Date \$105,726

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

ACT Now ~ Automatic Contribution Transfer

It is easy to make your financial contribution to St. Rita Church by automatic withdrawal directly from your bank account – with no charge to you! Sign-up sheets are available in the back of Church or for more information please call Lisa at the parish office at 671-1100 x 12.

Please know that you can initiate **"Direct Bill Payment"** through your own electronic banking account by directing your bank to mail your monthly/weekly contribution to St. Rita Church at 1008 Maple Dr., Webster, NY 14580.

Thank You . . .

We had many notes sent in for the bulletin requesting expressions of gratitude to the St. Rita School children and their teachers who provided such a "delightful" **Seniors Tea** on February 3rd.

The entertainment was "joyful and spirit-filled", the servers were "gracious hosts and hostesses", and "the tea and treats were delicious". Sr. Katherine Ann should be very proud of all her precious "God Drops!" They were model students representing St. Rita School.

Thank you again!



GIRL SCOUT SUNDAY MASS

**All Girl Scouts in St. Rita Parish
are invited to attend the
10:30am Mass on Sunday, March 14**

Please meet in Room 1 by 10:10am wearing your Girl Scout uniform. Scouts will be seated together as a group. A reception for Scouts and their families will be held after Mass. Scouts in the parish who have completed the requirements for their religious emblem are asked to notify Pat Vargas (671-0434) by February 20 to be recognized during the Scout Mass. Scouts who have earned religious medals this year will be honored in a ceremony with Bishop Clark on Saturday, March 6th at 12 noon at Sacred Heart Cathedral.

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Did You Know?

**Our bulletin is available each week
on-line at www.saintrita.org – check it out!**

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**WPCC Health Ministry
ADVANCE CARE PLANNING PROCESS**

Advance Care Planning is a process of planning for future medical care in case you are unable to make your own decisions. It is a continual process and not merely a document or isolated event and will assist you in preparing for a sudden unexpected illness from which you expect to recover, as well as the dying process and ultimately death.

Advance Care Planning is a gift to you and your family and is important in assuring that your wishes are honored if you are unable to speak for yourself. Directives apply **only** when the need arises and you are unable to speak for yourself.

Information on Advance Care Planning and Health Care Proxy forms will be available once a month during our Blood Pressure Screenings on the 4th weekend of each month in Room 1.

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WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 2010

Where: Holy Trinity Church, 1460 Ridge Road
When: Friday, March 5
Time: 12:00 Noon - Ecumenical prayer service
Followed by a light luncheon

This year the World Day of Prayer, sponsored by Church Women United, will be gathering to join prayers for the people of Cameroon. Any monetary donations will support the people of Cameroon. Please bring canned good donations for Webster Food Pantry.

**Come sing and pray, joining hands and hearts:
Let everything that has breath praise God!**

For more information please call Colleen Schantz at 265-2124.



**St. Rita Boy Scout Troop 163
PASTA DINNER
Saturday, March 6
4:00-7:00 in the Parish Center**

St. Rita Boy Scout Troop 163 is hosting their annual Pasta Dinner on Saturday, March 6. This is our biggest fund raiser for the Troop. With this dinner our boys are able to participate in activities such as camping, outdoor activities, community services, and Council-wide activities. Tickets are: \$7.00 for adults; \$5.00 for children under 12 and children 5 and under are free. Tickets can be purchased next weekend after Mass, at the door, or call Liz Staszak at 872-4217.

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MARCH MATTRESS MADNESS

St. Vincent de Paul Society at Light of Christ Parish in the City of Rochester is committed to quality of life issues of the poor in our inner city. We have an urgent demand for mattresses. Many of our children go to sleep at night without a bed to sleep on. Some sleep on the couch, some on a pile of blankets or clothing, some on the floor. We would appreciate any donations of beds, mattresses, box springs, etc. new or used. (No rips, no stains or holes, please.) Please call Pete Schaad at the St. Vincent dePaul Society 748-1891. Please specify a bed donation.

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Our Catholic heritage offers us a number of holy men and women who have been aware of the power of God in their lives and whose spiritual experiences have influenced others through the ages. Now you can learn more about St. Thérèse of Lisieux, St John of the Cross and others through the Great Leaders of Catholic Spirituality video series. Individual titles are \$10.00. The series of eight DVDs sells for \$60.00. Go to www.rochesterspiritallive.org to download an order form and see a sampler video.

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CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL UPDATE

Thank you to over 871 households who have already responded with a gift. The Appeal helps our Church and our parish in so many ways. Please consider all the ways that God has blessed you and yours, and then think how the Church has brought goodness into your lives. St. Rita's share of the CMA goal for 2009-2010 is \$112,502. We are still about \$7,000 short of our goal. **Any shortfall is the responsibility of the parish. Every gift is needed and important!** You can make your gift at www.dor.org. Extra forms are in the back of church and may be placed in the collection or mailed directly to the Diocese. We thank you for your generosity!

From the Desk of Bishop Matthew Clark . . .

December, 2009

My Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

This year our Diocesan Public Policy Committee has chosen the crucial subject of comprehensive immigration reform as the targeted advocacy issue for Public Policy Weekend on February 13 and 14.

This issue has much local relevance. The rich orchards and farmlands along the Finger Lakes and Lake Ontario have long been a destination for people who move from one seasonal agricultural job to another. Many workers now come from Mexico and sometimes find themselves the targets of discrimination in a way reminiscent of that suffered by other predominantly Catholic immigrants, Irish, Italians, and Eastern Europeans among others.

As free trade agreements flooded Mexican markets with subsidized American corn, Mexican farmers were left without a market for their own crops. The border between Mexico and the United States divides an impoverished country with an unsettled government from a land of opportunity. It's often said that we hang two signs at the border: "keep out" and "help wanted." The "keep out" sign comes in the form of a fence and militarized border that has forced border crossers into the less patrolled desert; more than 5,000 have died since 1994. The "help wanted" sign keeps the flow of desperate people coming even as the risk and the cost of accompaniment grow.

Migration holds a special significance for us as Catholics. The story of God's relationship with humans as told in the Hebrew Scriptures is the story of a migrant people. Abraham followed God's call to travel with Sarah to a new home; Joseph's family followed him to Egypt to avoid famine, and Moses led the Israelites out of slavery in Egypt to a new life in the Land of Canaan. Even Jesus began his life as a stranger, born in a stable, fleeing with his family to Egypt to avoid persecution and spending the last three years of his life as a wanderer.

As Catholics we believe that all people are made in the image and likeness of God, deserving of our love and respect. We often disagree among ourselves about the best way to solve social and political problems, but our faith calls us to a common vision that is best expressed in Matthew 25:34-36. "Come you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you made me welcome, naked and you clothed me, in prison and you visited me," We readily recognize Jesus in the face of the immigrant. The challenging part is figuring out how to resolve a problem with no easy answers.

Our church recognizes both the right of countries to establish border controls and the right of individuals to migrate in order to live a life of human dignity. As we work towards trade agreements that allow people to support themselves in their countries of origin, we need to convince lawmakers to enact immigration reform that:

- Provides an earned path to citizenship for those who have been living and working in our country.
- Protects families and encourages reunification
- Has legal pathways for temporary workers to come and work in a safe, humane and orderly manner and be able to return to their country of origin, and
- Restores due process protections for immigrants.

I encourage all of you to take advantage of these next few months to learn more about this challenging issue. Parishes provide a perfect forum for addressing such a controversial issue because we begin with a common language of love for one another. There will be those of you who are deeply concerned about security and others who envision a world without borders. I invite you to listen to each other respectfully without judgment or bias and to find areas of agreement.

For those who are ready to advocate for reform, please consider participating in the February **postcard campaign.

As always, I remain

Your brother in Christ,
+Matthew H. Clark
Bishop of Rochester

**** Postcards are located on the tables in the back of Church.**